

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

On motion by Mr. Wilson, the question was then put, That the five persons reported by the tellers as having the greatest number of votes, proceed to qualify as committee clerks? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Griffith, Ordered, That Messrs. Griffith and Roderick Dorsey, inform the Reverend Mr. Fechtig, that the house request he will perform divine service every morning at the meeting of the house.

On motion by Mr. Lecompte, Ordered, That Messrs. Lecompte and W. R. Stewart, be a committee to wait upon his excellency the governor, and inform him that a quorum of this house having formed are ready to proceed to business, and to receive any communication he may think proper to lay before them.

On motion by Mr. Griffith, Ordered, That this house sit this session for the dispatch of public business, from 9 o'clock in the morning until 3 o'clock in the evening.

Henry K. Long, Esquire, a delegate from Somerset county, appeared, qualified, and took his seat. The house adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, December 3, 1817.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of Monday and Tuesday were read.

Mr. Price delivers a petition from Arthur Cradock, of Baltimore county, praying that he may be permitted to bring into this state a certain negro slave named William Brown; which was read and referred to Messrs. Price, Showers and Johnson.

Mr. Hawkins delivers a petition from Michael M'Cann, of Frederick county, a revolutionary soldier, praying relief; which was read and referred to Messrs. Hawkins, Downey and Buckey.

Mr. Haynie delivers a petition from the justices of the levy court of Somerset county, praying that the levy court of said county may be authorised to levy a sum of money for the purpose of building offices for the register of wills and clerk of said county; which was read and referred to Messrs. Haynie, Carroll and Murray.

The house proceeded to ballot for a committee of claims; the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike retired, and after some time returned and reported, that Messrs. Scott, Gray, Griffith, Knight, Brawner, Stevens and Bradford, were elected.

The house proceeded to ballot for a committee of elections and privileges; the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike retired, and after sometime returned and reported, that Messrs. Semmes, Blakistone, Wilson, Pearce and Martin, were elected.

The house proceeded to ballot for a committee of grievances and courts of justice; the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike retired, and after some time returned and reported, that Messrs. Lecompte, Forrest, Carroll and Digges, were elected; and that Mr. Stephen and Mr. Harrison had an equal number of votes.

The house proceeded to a second ballot, and on examination thereof it appeared that Mr. Woodyear was elected.

Mr. Lecompte and Mr. W. R. Stewart report to the house, that they have waited upon his excellency the governor, who informed that a communication will be made to the house at an early day.

The speaker laid before the house a report from the clerk of the court of appeals for the western shore, also reports from the clerks of Anne-Arundel, Frederick, Allegany, and Caroline counties, relative to the attendance of the judges of their respective courts; which were severally read and referred to the committee of grievances and courts of justice.

The house adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY, December 4, 1817.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Blakistone delivers petitions from Ann Tippet and Ann Tyser, of Saint Mary's county, praying that the levy court of said county may be authorised to levy a sum of money for their support; which were severally read and referred to Messrs. Blakistone, Jones and Semmes.

Mr. Semmes delivers a petition from Thomas F. Ward, of Prince George's county, praying for a divorce; which was read and referred to Messrs. Semmes, Somerville and Jenifer.

Mr. Lecompte delivers a petition from the securities of Thomas Thompson, late collector for Dorchester county, praying further time to complete the collections of said Thompson; which was read and referred to Messrs. Lecompte, Griffith and Keene.

Mr. Price delivers a bill, entitled, An act to authorise Arthur Cradock to bring a certain negro slave into this state; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Griffith, Ordered, That Messrs. Griffith, Semmes and Hawkins, be a committee to report such rules as are proper to be observed during the present session.

Mr. Hawkins from the committee delivers the following report: The committee to whom was referred the petition of Michael M'Cann, of Frederick county, beg leave to report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and find the facts therein stated to be true; they therefore submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the treasurer of the Western Shore be, and he is hereby authorised and required, to pay annually, in quarterly payments, to Michael M'Cann of Frederick county, or order, an old revolutionary soldier, the half pay of a private, during the remainder of his life, as a remuneration for his meritorious services.

All which is respectfully submitted.

By order,

RINALDO PINDELL, Clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Tyson delivers a petition from William Damsell of Cecil county, a captain of artillery in the late war, praying relief relative to a judgment obtained against him by Thomas Rutter, for the value of a horse impressed by the petitioner, for the purpose of conveying his artillery, and which was lost or stolen; which was read and referred to Messrs. Pearce, Knight and Forrest.

On motion by Mr. Haynie, the question was put, that the house adopt the following order: